

What's Next?

Ten days after this meeting, the public comment period will close. At that time, VDOT and City of Roanoke representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the meeting, adjusting the project design as needed.

After the public hearing, Roanoke City Council will be requested to pass a resolution approving the major design features and then VDOT's chief engineer will consider approval of the design. The project will then progress to the right of way acquisition stage.

Acquisition of right of way is expected to begin in the summer of 2010. Relocation of utilities will follow in early 2013.

After the utilities are relocated the project will be advertised for construction. Currently it is anticipate this will occur in early 2014.

Once awarded, construction should be completed in approximately 36 months. Access to properties and businesses will be maintained at all times but temporary detours, temporary lane closures and closing of some side streets may be required.

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ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

The following schedule has been proposed:

Review of Design Public Hearing Information: August 2009

City Council Action: September 2009

Consideration for Design Approval By Chief Engineer: October 2009

Begin Right of Way Acquisition: Summer 2010

Advertisement for Construction: Early 2014

Additional Information

Project information shared here is available for review after the meeting at the following offices:

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| VDOT Salem District Office 731 Harrison Avenue Salem, VA 24153 540-387-5320 TDD: 711 | VDOT Salem Residency 714 South Broad Street Salem, VA 24153 540-387-5488 TDD: 711 | City of Roanoke Public Works Service Center 1802 Courtland Road Roanoke, VA 24012 540-853-2676 |
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Written comments and other exhibits related to the proposed project may be submitted in place of or in addition to statements made at the meeting. Such information must be postmarked or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (on or before August 9, 2009) in order to be included in the official record. Please send written comments to:

Virginia Department of Transportation
Mr. Richard L. Caywood, P.E.
Salem District Administrator
P.O. Box 3071
Salem, VA 24153

Questions concerning VDOT's policy on obtaining right of way should be directed to:

Ms. Lori A. Snider
Salem District Right of Way and Utilities Manager
Virginia Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 3071
Salem, VA 24153
Telephone: 540-387-5587 or toll free 800-611-5812

Please call prior to visiting to assure the availability of staff to assist you.



10th Street Improvements

Design Public Hearing

July 30, 2009

Lucy Addison Middle School City of Roanoke 5 – 7 p.m.

Welcome to the City of Roanoke's and the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed improvements to 10th Street.

This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his or her own behalf or representing a group or governmental agency, to give the City of Roanoke and VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

All oral and written comments received will be reviewed by City of Roanoke and VDOT personnel. Questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting will be addressed before the project is finalized. The transcript of comments will be available to the public after the public hearing comment period closes. A comment sheet is included and your input is encouraged.

Project Description

Increasing traffic volumes and safety concerns for vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles along 10th Street prompted the Roanoke City Council to request VDOT to include these projects in the Six-Year Improvement Program.

The purpose of this project is to improve the existing roadway to provide curb and gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes adjacent to the existing travel lanes. Additional improvements will consist of widening Orange Avenue, providing left turn lanes at key intersections and a replacement crossing of Lick Run.

The proposed improvements will focus on improving the safety and flow of traffic through the project area while developing a bicycle/pedestrian friendly environment. Lick Run and the Lick Run Greenway will pass through a concrete arch under 10th Street.

The existing traffic signal at the intersection of Orange Avenue and 11th Street will be removed and left turn lanes added on Orange Avenue at the intersection with 10th Street. Existing signal equipment along 10th Street will be replaced. Left turn lanes will be constructed along 10th Street at Orange

Avenue, Grayson Avenue, Hunt Avenue and Williamson Road.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, the Stormwater Management Regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Potential impacts to flood plains and wetlands were evaluated. To minimize potential impacts on water quality and comply with regulations, three permanent stormwater management facilities are proposed. These facilities will reduce the increase in runoff and pollutants leaving the roadway while minimizing impacts to existing properties. This project is not expected to generate any negative flood plain impacts.

During construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control and erosion and sediment control. It is anticipated that the acquisition of right of way will begin in 2010 with construction beginning in 2014.

PROJECT INFORMATION

From: 0.018 mile south of Fairfax Avenue

To: Williamson Road

State Project Numbers:

U000-128-V12, PE-102, RW-202, C-503, D-612; UPC 709

U000-128-V12, PE-103, RW-203, C-504; UPC 11908

Representatives from the City of Roanoke and VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of the Virginia Department of Transportation to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Salem District Office of Civil Rights

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or call
540-387-5320, toll free
800-611-5812, or TDD 711.

Environmental Review

VDOT’s Salem District Environmental Office has reviewed the project corridor for the presence of environmental resources. Opportunities are evaluated for the avoidance, minimization and mitigation of impacts to environmental resources throughout project development. Environmental studies are continuously updated as project plans are developed; and coordination with resource agencies occurs as required to obtain environmental clearances and permits.

Representatives from VDOT’s environmental section are available to discuss environmental studies that have been performed, and to answer any questions the public might have.

Right of Way Issues

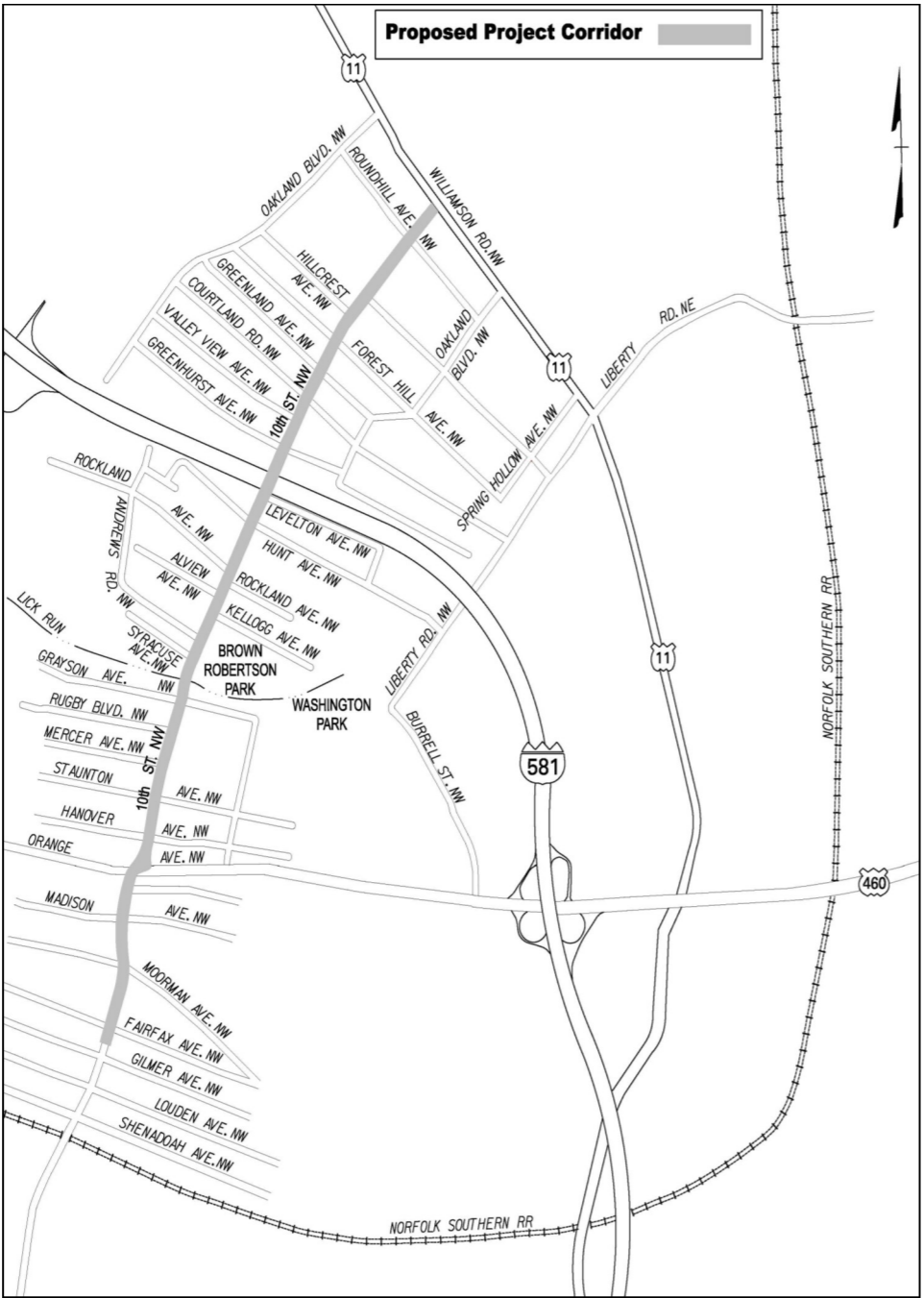
Plans on display at this meeting show the extent of right of way that is presently needed for this project. As currently proposed, 194 parcels of land are affected by the acquisition of right of way and/or easements. Eleven dwellings, businesses or non-profit organizations will be displaced or relocated as a result of this project.

Easements are required for construction of slopes as well as maintenance of drainage facilities. As the plans are further developed, additional easements for maintenance, construction and utility relocations may be required beyond those shown on the public hearing plans. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of these easements during the right of way acquisition process prior to construction.

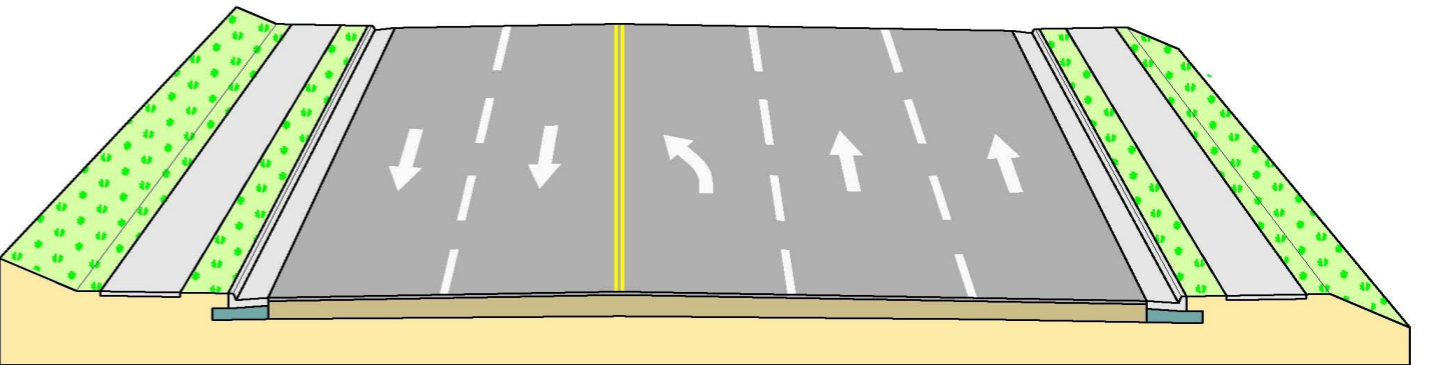
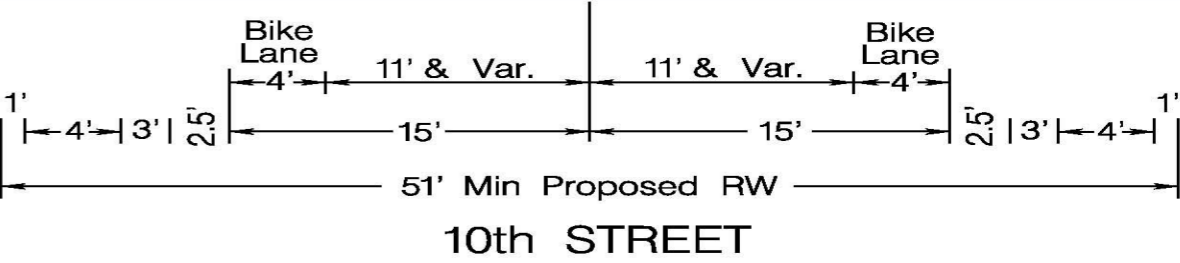
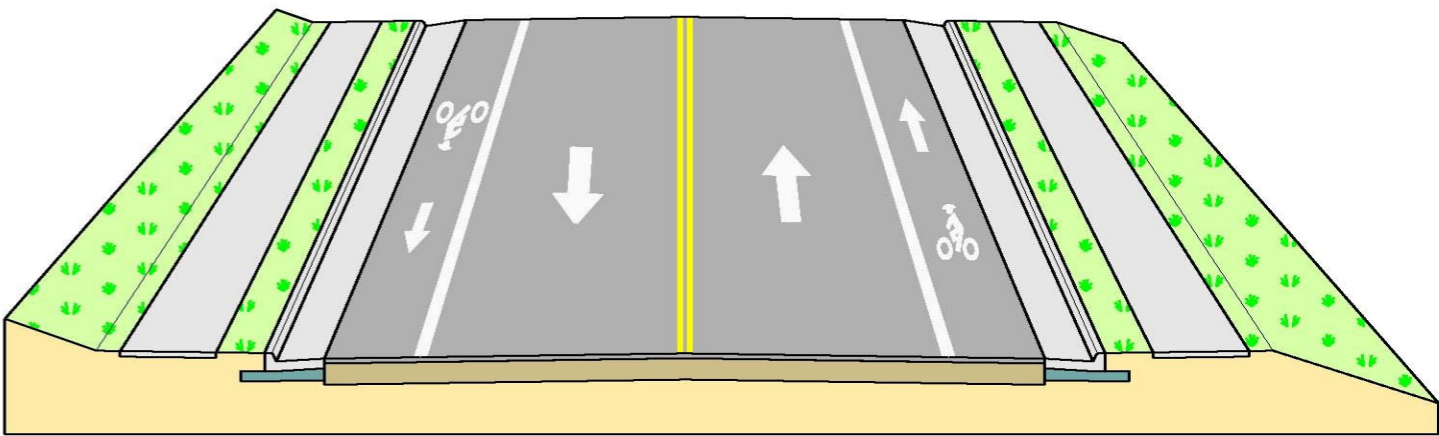
Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT’s brochure titled, “Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants.” Copies of this brochure are available from a VDOT right of way agent and online at: http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/property_owners2006.pdf

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from VDOT, Salem District Right of Way and Utilities Office, 731 Harrison Ave., Salem, VA 24153, or call 540-387-5320, toll free 800-611-5812, or TDD 711.

Project Location Map



Typical Roadway Sections



Estimated Project Cost

The preliminary estimated cost for the project includes the following:

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| Preliminary Engineering: | \$ 4,500,000 |
| Right of Way | \$ 2,100,000 |
| Construction | \$13,300,000 |
| Total | \$19,900,000 |

Because this project is in the preliminary design stage, the estimated costs are subject to change. This project will utilize city and state funds.